

SENATE RESOLUTION 19

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A RESOLUTION relative to the closure of the Bull Run Fossil Plant in Anderson County.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) board of directors recently voted to retire the Bull Run Fossil Plant in Anderson County by December 2023; and

WHEREAS, this extremely short-sighted decision by the TVA board could severely damage the economy of the region and the State; with Tennessee experiencing unprecedented growth and energy demand, it makes no sense to replace traditional energy sources with more expensive alternatives; and

WHEREAS, alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind, are highly subsidized and more expensive; these higher costs would be passed directly on to the consumer and negatively affect the bottom line of businesses throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the loss of the Bull Run Plant, more than 100 jobs, and significant tax revenues, Anderson County is faced with the possibility that the site will not be fully remediated by TVA and mountains of coal ash will continue to be stored at the facility, further retarding the economic growth of the area; and

WHEREAS, since 1967, the Bull Run Fossil Plant has been an outstanding corporate partner with Anderson County, and that mutually beneficial relationship should be preserved by TVA; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body expresses its strong disagreement and displeasure with the decision to retire the Bull Run Fossil Plant in Anderson County and urges the Tennessee Valley Authority board of directors to reconsider its action and either keep the coal-fired plant in operation or retrofit the facility as a natural gas plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.